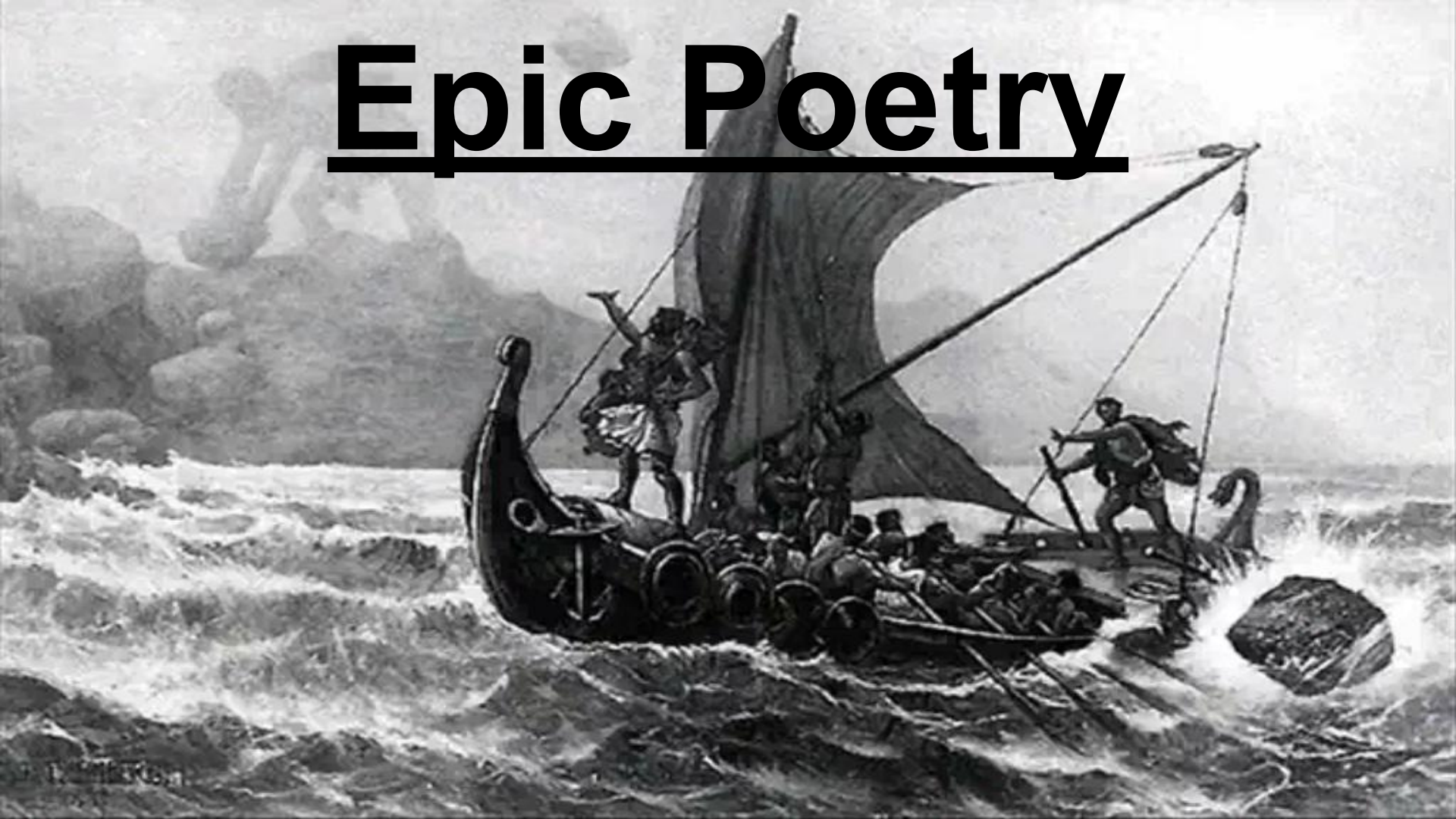


# Epic Poetry



# What is Epic Poetry?

Epic Poetry is “A *genre* of classical poetry originating in Greece.”

Told as a Narrative detailing the heroic deeds of a civilization

- ex. *The Odyssey*, *The Iliad*, *Beowulf*, *Gilgamesh*, etc.

# What makes an Epic Poem Epic?

- Begins with an **Invocation of a Muse**
- Story starts **in medias res**
- Story has a **vast setting**
- Story has a hero
- Throughout the story cases of **supernatural intervention** occur
- **Catalogs** important figures
- Employs **Epic Similes**

# The Epic Hero

An Epic Hero Must...

- represent his/her nation, race, etc.
- decide the **fate of the entire population**
- Go on an adventure filled with peril  
**(descent in the underworld)**

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